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Chairperson: Mr. Rivas Posada

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The discussion covered in the summary record began at 12.10 p.m.

Organizational and other matters (*continued*)

Draft decision on the report of the Working Group on the Harmonization of Working Methods of Treaty Bodies (HRI/MC/2007/2) (CCPR/C/89/CRP.1)

1. **Sir Nigel Rodley** introduced the draft decision (CCPR/C/89/CRP.1), which was designed to guide and strengthen the hand of the Committee's representative, Mr. Amor, in his discussions at the intercommittee meeting of the human rights treaty bodies. It should make a constructive contribution to those discussions and, in particular, rule out any suggestion that there should be a separate treaty body for communications.

2. **Ms. Motoc** asked whether Sir Nigel Rodley had discussed the matter with Mr. Amor, who was no longer present.

3. **Sir Nigel Rodley** said that he had not been able to clear the text with Mr. Amor before his departure, but had informed Mr. Amor of it.

4. **Ms. Motoc** enquired whether Sir Nigel Rodley might be able to participate in the Working Group's discussions, along with Mr. Amor.

5. **The Chairperson** said that was not possible, as the Committee's current representation to the intercommittee meeting could not be changed.

6. **Mr. O'Flaherty** said that the decision did not adequately convey the Committee's appreciation of the good work done by the Working Group. He suggested that, in paragraph 2, the words, "many of which have merit", should be inserted after "Points of agreement".

7. *The draft decision, as amended, was adopted.*

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant (*continued*)

8. **Mr. Schmidt** (Team Leader, Petitions Unit) announced the status of the communications considered under the Optional Protocol as at the end of the Committee's current session. It had adopted a total of 39 decisions, namely: 8 decisions to declare communications inadmissible; 12 Views concerning 13 cases; 5 decisions to declare communications admissible; and 14 decisions to discontinue consideration. A further 7 cases had not been able to be considered and had consequently been deferred to the next session.

Closure of the session

9. After an exchange of courtesies, **the Chairperson** declared the eighty-ninth session of the Human Rights Committee closed.

The meeting rose at 12.20 p.m.